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Department of Business,
Enterprise and Innovation

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ENTERPRISE AND INNOVATION FOR 2019 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 22 OF THE PROTECTED DISCLOSURES ACT 2014

Each public body is required under Section 22 of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014 to publish an annual report setting out the number of protected disclosures received in the preceding year and the action taken (if any). This report must not result in persons making disclosures being identifiable.

This is the report of the Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation (DBEI) for year ending 31 December 2019.

There were two new issues raised as protected disclosures in the period covered by this report. One related to an operational matter within the Department itself and the second was communicated in anonymous correspondence to a Minister of State in the Department and related to operational matters in an Office of the Department. Both matters raised were reviewed in accordance with the Department's Protected Disclosures Policy. It was concluded in both cases that no wrongdoing was involved and that there was no further action required of the Department. In the first case the individual who brought the matter to the attention of the Department was advised of the outcome.

A matter, which had been reported by an employee of the Department and its Offices as still under review at the end of 2017, was closed in 2018 and the individual was advised. This should have been referenced in the 2018 Annual Report.

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